

What's New This Week?

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Dear Parents

Golden Book Awards

Congratulations to the following children who were entered into the Golden Book this week:

6A	Callum Bain Emily Brignell Charles Mabbutt	6S	Daisy Adams Georgina Mead Rebecca Meer
5F	Cameron Clarke Willow Gwyn-Williams Conall Hornett	5T	Olivia Fenton Luke Freestone Ellie Macarthur Shehzad Siddiqi
4D	Katherine Barber Frederick Beecroft Annabelle Harle Daniel James	4R	Luke Harding Ramis Ibrahim Charlotte Underwood Toby Warren
3H	Emily Conrad Ina-Margaret Fisher Abbie Jackson	3M	Sophie Carter Matthew Jones Fleur Smith Isabella Warren
2H	Harrison Hooker Lilianne McCorry Ana Cristina Mead Niamh Wright	2P	Coral Dunk Oriana Farrell Oliver Warn Verity Winsor
2R	Thomas Henderson James McBurney Sylvie Smith Ellen Thompson India Gwyn-Williams	1G	Alexandra Gibbon Samuel Maddison Eva Ramage Jasmine Wharton
1M	Roseanna Clements Evie Fisher-Cook Freddie Warn	RG	Katie Bateman Connor Brown Niamh Westwood
RU	Benjamin Malin Hugo Ruiz Ina Vaeremans	PR	Isabella Corney Oliver Radley Joseph Sidwell Poppy Wharton

National Anti Bullying Week

Next week, we will be participating in National Anti Bullying Week. The School Council will be hosting an assembly and running a competition to design a poster with the message 'Say No to Bullying'. This is also a reminder to children that if they feel unsafe or are being bullied they must speak to a teacher or an adult that they trust. At the end of the week, we will be sending a booklet home to each family to support the Anti-Bullying Policy we have at school.

Collecting children at the end of the school day

A reminder of the procedure for collecting children at the end of the school day:

At 3.25pm, Key Stage 1 pupils, and any Year 3 and 4 pupils who are going home, will be taken by a member of staff to the enclosed area just outside the playground gate. Parents can wait in the playground opposite Walkfares and children will be sent over to them when acknowledgement, by a wave or nod, has been given.

At 4.00pm, any pupils in Key Stage 1 who have finished a club, or those in Key Stage 2 who are going home after study, will follow the same procedure outlined above. Those Key Stage 2 pupils who are staying in school past this time will have a snack and break from 4.00pm to 4.30pm which will incorporate changing time for sports activities. If the weather is inclement, snack will take place in school.

Collection at 4.30pm, and following clubs at 5.30pm, will be from the playground.

Parents are requested to keep to these times unless there is an exceptional circumstance as this aids a smooth and consistent collection procedure.

If you are collecting pupils from After School Care, this should be done via the side door at Beaulieu. Should another adult be collecting your child, please ensure After School Care staff are given notice/authorisation of this in advance.

Choir

Junior Choir Concert

Tickets can now be purchased for the Junior Choir Concert which will be taking place on Friday 26 November at the Brentwood Centre. Tickets are priced at £12.00 for an adult, £8.00 for under 16/over 60 and £32.00 for a family ticket. Please visit, www.brentwood-centre.co.uk and follow the online ticketing link. Please be aware that there will be 17

schools performing at the concert, and therefore tickets will be in high demand.

Young Voices Concert

If your child is in the Year 5/6 Choir, there is a *Young Voices* tutorial online that will help them learn the song they will be singing at the concert. You can access this by visiting the following websites:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/youngvoice28>

<http://youngvoices.co.uk/kids>

5T Class Assembly

Parents of children in 5T are warmly invited to attend a class assembly on Thursday 18 November at 8.50am in the Preparatory School Hall. Tea and coffee will be served in Beaulieu from 8.30am.

Events

NHPA Fireworks

The NHPA Grand Fireworks Display will be taking place tomorrow evening. Gates open at 5.00pm; the display is at 7.00pm. Tickets are available at the gate and are priced at £6.00 for adults and at £3.00 for children.

NHVS Quiz Night

The next Quiz Night will be taking place on Friday 19 November from 7.00-10.30pm to raise money for the Children's Holiday. Tickets are £10.00 each and include a fish and chip supper. For further information or to purchase a ticket, please contact Mrs Williams, e.williams@newhallschool.co.uk, or 01245 467 588.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Tree of Angels Service

The Tree of Angels Carol Service will be held at 4.00pm on Sunday 12 December, at Our Lady of Ransom Church, Rayleigh. In remembrance of a loved one, the charity invites you to dedicate a symbolic angel on their Tree of Angels. Please visit www.childcareuk.org to make a dedication.

NHPA Christmas Fayre

The annual NHPA Christmas Fayre will be taking place on Tuesday 14 December from 2.00-6.00pm in the Preparatory School Hall. There will be an array of stalls selling wonderful Christmas gifts, games for the children to enjoy and Santa will even be making a visit! Donations for the raffle and the hugely popular cake stall would be gratefully received. If you are able to help, please contact Mrs Cotton, 07766 696 929.

Valentine's Charity Ball

A Valentine's Charity Ball will be held at Stock Brook Golf and Country Club on Saturday 12 February 2011, in aid of breast cancer and children's/teenage cancer. Tickets are £55.00 each and tables are available for 8 or 10 people. If you would like to register a table please contact Michelle Grant, 07793 200 425 or Gena Hull, 07768 006 900.

Dance

Disneyland Dance Show August 2011

If you would like your child to attend the trip to Disneyland please email a.warren@newhallschool.co.uk, as soon as possible as spaces are limited. Please note that

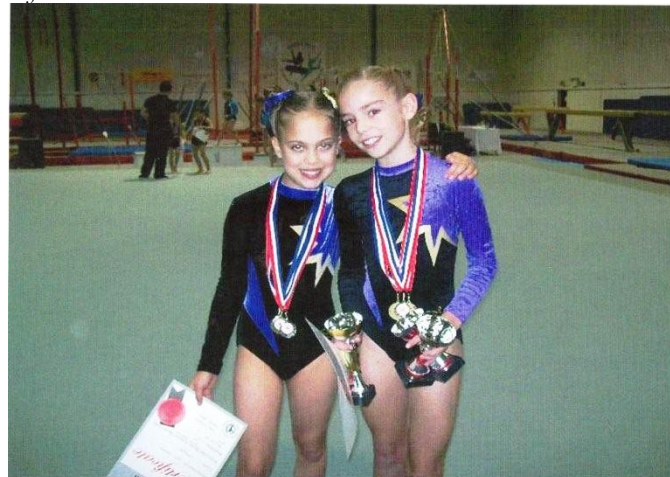
Years 3 and 4 Street Jazz class will also be invited to this event as well as Years 5 and 6 Jazz.

Sport

Cross Country

During the half term break, Aaron Stone (4R), competed in 2 cross country events at Highlands Park and The Discovery Centre at Braintree respectively. These events were open to all athletics and running clubs throughout Essex with age groups ranging from U11 to U17 teams. Aaron did exceptionally well to achieve a 5th place followed by a 4th place in the U11 competition. We wish Aaron every success for his next race in Harwich on 12 December.

Gymnastics



On Saturday 23 October, Layla Sammour (5F) represented Chelmsford Gymnastics Club at the Essex Recreational Apparatus Competition. Congratulations to Layla who won a silver medal for her floor routine, another silver for her beam routine and a bronze for her all round score. Layla has now qualified for the Regional (East of England) finals to be held in Ipswich on 27 November.

Ice Skating



On Monday 8 November, Laura Hedges (5T), competed in the Kent Opens 2010 Figure Skating Competition at Gillingham Ice Rink. Over 200 competitors from all over the country, at varying levels and age groups, took part with over 30 clubs represented from as far afield as Ireland, Nottingham, Scotland, Sheffield, and the Isle of White. Laura skated in the Level 1 Ladies Class (age 9 and under), in which she gained 3rd place. This is a fantastic achievement, particularly as Laura only started skating last

year and this was her second competition. In addition, Laura only passed her National Level 1 Test 3 months ago, and so her coaches were impressed with her performance.

Sailing *School Sailing Team*

The Independent Associations of Preparatory Schools (IAPS) organises a number of inter-school events for its members, and this year added sailing to its coverage. Plans are already underway for the 2011 regatta which will be held in May at the 2012 Olympic sailing venue in Weymouth. This will present an exciting opportunity for Preparatory School students ahead of one of the major world sporting events. Eligible schools are allowed to enter up to a maximum of two pairs in the event, where the children will be sailing Laser Picos double handed. The event will be in coastal waters, and there is a minimum capability requirement of being trained to RYA Dinghy Sailing Youth Stage 2. Full race management and safety cover is being provided by *SailLaser*, who are also providing the dinghies to be used in the regatta. If your child would be interested in being considered for selection for the U11 team, please contact Steve Greenwood, 07974 981 689, who will co-ordinate training and support for the event on behalf of the school. Demand for places at the regatta is expected to be high, and spaces will be allocated to schools on a first come, first served basis, so if you are interested please get in touch with Mr Greenwood as soon as possible.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

French

Please note that on Monday 15 November, French Club will finish at 5.15pm.

Tennis

Tennis on Saturday 13 November is cancelled due to Sports Scholarship assessments taking place.

Uniform Shop

A black sports base layer is now available from the Uniform Shop in sizes 22-24, 26-28, 30-32, 34-36. The base layer is an optional item of sports kit for children in years 3-6 and can only be ordered by contacting the Uniform Shop on 01245 236 114.

Lost Property

The following pupils have lost various named pieces of property:

- Tom Durkan (5T) - named gum shield
- Holly Haslam (5T) - named tracksuit trousers
- Sebastian Loots (RU) - named school coat

Could all parents please check names on uniform items. If any of these items are found, please hand in to the School Office.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Conrad

Mrs S H Conrad
HEADTEACHER

What's New This Week? Is issued every Friday during the school term. If you have any news which you would like published in an edition of *What's New This Week?*, please email c.taylor@newhallschool.co.uk.

BRAIN CHALLENGE

Brain Challenge Number 7 Solution

Tom took off from Gatwick at 12noon on 7 September 2007, heading for America. He returned from his gap year at 12 noon on 8 August 2008. How many days was he away?

336 days

$365+1(2008 \text{ was a leap year}) + 1 (7^{\text{th}} \text{ to } 8^{\text{th}}) - 31 (\text{days in August}) = 336$

Well done to Lucy Greenwood (6S) and Molly Reynolds (3H) on getting the correct answer.

And the next challenge:

By looking at a car number plate, how does one tell how old a car is?

Answers on a piece of paper (with your name and class teacher) to Mr Shah in the Science Lab. Parents please refrain from participating! First pupil to submit the correct answer wins a prize.

Prayer Corner

In this week of Remembrance Day, we remember all those who have died in conflict around the world and we pray for peace.

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.



Forthcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
Sat 13 Nov	5.00pm	NHPA Grand Firework Display
Sun 14 Nov	11.00am-1.30pm	U11 7 a-side Rugby v Old Buckenham Hall (A)
Tue 16 Nov	10.30am-12.30pm	U9 Rugby Tournament v St Columbas
Wed 17 Nov	9.00am-12noon	Year 5 Essex Records Office
Thu 18 Nov	8.50am	5T Class Assembly
Fri 19 Nov		U10 & U11 Netball v Maldon Court
	7.30pm	NHVS Quiz Night
Sun 21 Nov	11.00am-1.30pm	U11 Rugby Tournament v Brentwood Preparatory School
Wed 24 Nov	9.00-10.00am	Parents' Forum Meeting
Thu 25 Nov	8.50am	5F Class Assembly
Fri 26 Nov	12noon-5.00pm	Year 6 Netball Rally

NEW HALL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS A

GRAND FIREWORK DISPLAY

ADULTS £6 CHILDREN £3

SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2010

WALKFARES FIELD, NEW HALL SCHOOL

GATES OPEN AT 5.00pm - DISPLAY AT 7.00pm

Rides & Sideshows Licensed Bar
BURGERS * CURRY & RICE * HOT DOGS * DOUGHNUTS * TEA * COFFEE

PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR OWN FIREWORKS

ENTRY BY TICKET ONLY - TICKET NON-REFUNDABLE

For Further Information
Ring Mark on 07771 768228
or contact Lucy Brignell in the
Preparatory School Office

NHPA Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 14th December

Visit Santa in his Grotto

Games galore - "Score Against Santa", "Splat the Malteser", "Play your Cards Right", "Treasure Hunt" and many more

Gift stalls - jewellery, designer make-up, hair accessories, stocking fillers, books, home gifts, cakes




2pm to 6pm

Preparatory School Hall

Entrance: Adults - £3 to include mince pie & drink
Children - Free


Please come along to have fun and support the NHPA

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Science Day



Saturday 12 March 2011
10.00am - 4.00pm
at New Hall School, Chelmsford

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